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IDOE announces 22 Classroom Innovation Grant winners

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) announced today the winners of the Classroom Innovation Grant to promote a statewide culture of educational innovation through technology. Twenty-two schools or school corporations will receive up to \$200,000 each to be used for classroom technology projects. At least 25 percent of the funds must be used for staff professional development relating to the use of technology in the classroom.

“The role technology plays in improving student learning has grown increasingly significant,” Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Tony Bennett said. “The Classroom Innovation Grant provides valuable resources to our students and meaningful professional development for our educators. It reinforces IDOE’s strategic goals and aims to create a 21st Century learning culture in schools statewide.”

Applications were evaluated based on the vision for a sustainable technology-infused learning environment and the innovativeness of the proposal. Applications were also reviewed for progress on IDOE initiatives including improvement in math and English ISTEP+ performance, Advanced Placement exam scores, graduation rate and educator access to student growth data on the Learning Connection.

The following schools/corporations were selected for the Classroom Innovation Grant:

- Avon Community Schools
- Beech Grove City Schools
- Burriss Laboratory School
- Center Grove Community School Corporation
- Christel House Academy
- Clark-Pleasant Community School Corporation
- Danville Community School Corporation
- East Washington School Corporation
- Evansville Vanderburgh Community Schools
- Garrett-Keyser-Butler Community Schools
- MSD Wabash County Schools
- Madison Consolidated Schools
- North Adams Community Schools
- North Daviess Community Schools
- Northeastern Wayne Schools
- Peru Community Schools
- Plymouth Community School Corporation
- Richland Bean Blossom Community School Corporation
- Rochester Community School Corporation
- Scott County School District 2
- Shelbyville Central Schools
- Smith-Green Community Schools

All Indiana public schools were eligible to apply. Winners were chosen by a panel of six IDOE staff members. The grant is funded through the federal Title II D program and the David C. Ford Fund. Winning schools will receive their funding on June 1, 2011, and grant funds must be used by September 30, 2012.

For more information on the Classroom Innovation Grant, visit
<http://www.doe.in.gov/olt/LearningTechnologiesGrants.htm#CIG2011>.

For more information on each of the winners, please see the attached document.